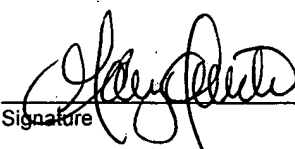




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**United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/412,085,
filed October 4, 1999 (now abandoned),**

for PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A PURIFIED LACTIC ACID SOLUTION
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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency thereof is acknowledged by ASSIGNOR, ASSIGNOR hereby assigns its entire right, title and interest in and to United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/412,085, filed by CD on October 4, 1999, and all applications claiming priority from that application (including but not limited to those listed in Schedule A to this Assignment), and any patents issuing thereon, to the ASSIGNEES:

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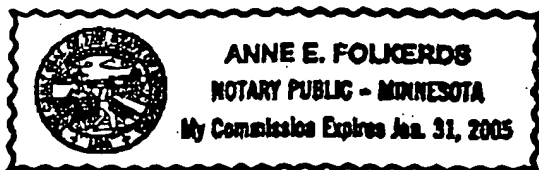
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